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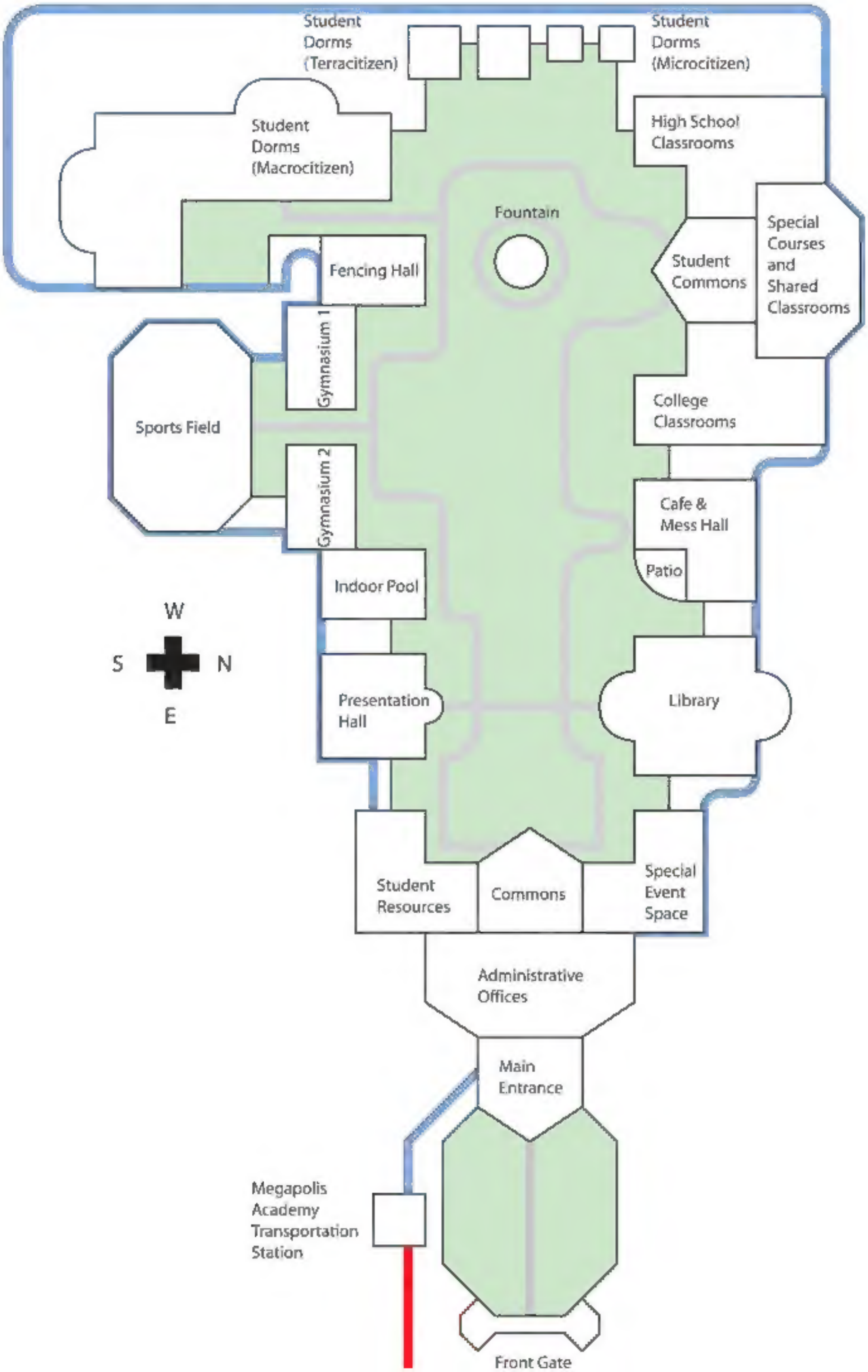

IT WAS A CHORE TO LOOK FOR YOU, LITTLE GUY. IT'S BEEN ABOUT A MONTH SINCE YOU LAST PAID YOUR WEEKLY DUES. I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU DROPPED OUT AND I LOST A SOURCE OF REVENUE...

C-COME ON, TRETCH, I CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP YOU FROM BOTHERING ME. YOU'VE EVEN RAISED THE RATES- QUADRUPLED THEM!

OH, ARNIE, DON'T YOU KNOW? I'M KEEPING OTHERS FROM BOTHERING YOU TOO, AND I NEED TO RAISE MY RATES IF I'M TO HIRE SOME HELP.

STOMP!

NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FOR SUCH A RIDICROUS THING, TRETCH...

SHIT... IT'S CERES...

BART... WENDINGO...

DEAL WITH HER.

POW!

SMASH!

YOU GOT A *DAY* TO GET ME THAT PAYMENT, *RABBIT*...

I'VE GOT A BIGGER MESS TO FRY.

POOF!

I'M AFRAID EVEN I AM AT MY WITS END WITH THESE REPEATED BOUTS BETWEEN YOU TWO.

IT'S BEGINNING TO DETRACT FROM MY TRUE RESPONSIBILITIES HERE!

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HIRE SOMEONE ELSE TO DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO KEEPING YOU TWO IN LINE...

THE NEXT DAY...

MULTIDIMENSIONAL MASS TRANSIT RAILWAYS

PLATFORM B

ARRIVALS AT PLATFORM B.

ARRIVALS AT PLATFORM B.

PLEASE FOLLOW SIGNS TO THE BAGGAGE AREA TO PICK UP ANY CHECKED LUGGAGE.

M.M.T.R. TER.A

BACK *HERE* AGAIN...

BUT *WHAT* FOR *NOW*?

MEGAPOLIS

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I'M UNCERTAIN IF I'M REALLY FIT FOR THIS. COULDN'T YOU FIND ANOTHER PROFESSOR TO FILL THIS ROLE? HOW ABOUT MS. THORFERRA? IS SHE STILL TEACHING HERE?

SHE IS, BUT SHE'S ALREADY QUITE BUSY. SHE'S A POPULAR PROFESSOR AND IS INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES AS WELL. AS FOR YOU, YOU WERE HIRED BECAUSE YOU HAVE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE.

PARDON?

YOU'RE A NATURAL FIT. SO MY PREDECESSOR SAYS. NUMEROUS FACULTY APPROVED THIS. ALUMNI WHO PERSONALLY KNEW YOU APPROVED OF THIS...

EVEN *MR. DRACALIS* AT *BIG POWER CORP.* SENT APPROVAL!

THIS IS *ONLY* A ENRICHMENT PERIOD. AN OPEN PERIOD OF THE DAY FOR STUDENTS TO DO CRAM SESSIONS OR WORK WITH TUTORS IN A FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT.

IT JUST REQUIRES A SUPERVISOR.

AND IF I DO THIS FOR HALF A YEAR?

IF YOU DO THIS FOR HALF A YEAR, WITHOUT INCIDENT...

THE DEIFIC COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER LETTING SHABOIGAN HAVE A PRESENCE IN THE PHYSICAL REALM AGAIN.

... OKAY. I ACCEPT.

THE NEXT DAY...

!!

...

WELL THEN...

SEEMS AS BARREN AS ONE MIGHT EXPECT FROM A STUDY HALL PERIOD...

HELLO EVERYONE.

THUMP!

MY NAME IS MR. LO. BUT I'D PREFER THAT YOU CALL ME CRUX.

EXCUSE ME.

ISN'T IT INAPPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS AN INSTRUCTOR BY THEIR FIRST NAME?

I'M NO PROFESSOR.

THIS IS MERELY AN ENRICHMENT PERIOD. STUDY HALL.

I'M JUST A SUPERVISOR. THE MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION HERE TODAY IS WHO ARE ALL OF YOU?

I THINK INTRODUCTIONS ARE IN ORDER.

MAY WE BEGIN WITH YOU?

M-ME? ALRIGHT...
MY NAME'S *MATTHIAS*.
I'M IN ADVANCED MATHEMATICS...
NOT MUCH ELSE, REALLY.

THAT MEANS I'M NEXT, RIGHT?
MY NAME IS *RASCAL*, PRESENTLY FOCUSING ON ENGLISH! NICE TO MEET YOU, SIR.

CRUK.

MR. CRUK, SIR.

YOU CAN CALL ME *THOMAS*.

I'D RATHER NOT.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TELL ABOUT YOURSELF?

M'NAME'S *BART*.

COULD YOU TAKE YOUR PAWS OFF THE TABLE?

NOPE.

I NEED TO STEP OUT.

MAY I ASK WHAT THE OCCA

RESTROOM.

O-OH, OKAY...

WE'LL RESUME INTRODUCTIONS LATER FOR NOW I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOU ALL NEED THIS PERIOD FOR SO WE CAN SPLIT UP INTO APPROPRIATE STUDY GROUPS AND M—

YOU KNOW SHE'S LYING RIGHT?

STUDY HALL

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

CROSS WAIT

I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE ON WITH THIS

WHY?

WH-WHY?

IF YOU GET IN A FIGHT, IT COULD BE EXPULSION!

YOU'D WASTE YOUR EDUCATION

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF I DON'T GO?

LISTEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BUT

NO

NO YOU DON'T YOU'RE PRACTICALLY JUST A BLIND JAILER

WAIT WHAT?

IT'S NO STUDY HALL IT'S A DETENTION! WE ALL MUST ATTEND OR FACE POTENTIAL EXPULSION

I-I WAS NEVER TOLD ANY OF THIS

YOU WEREN'T YOU YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS DO YOU?

NO

I GET IT NOW THAT YOU DIDN'T ASK OR VOLUNTEER TO DEAL WITH STUDENTS LIKE US THEN.. BUT, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP ME FROM GOING INTO THE FOREST

I DON'T INTEND TO

WHAT?

I DON'T INTEND TO STOP YOU FROM ENTERING, BUT I *WON'T* LET YOU FIGHT

I WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

TRETCH SOUNDS LIKE THE REAL PROBLEM HERE ANYWAY

NOT *YOU*.

HEY

IS THE OLD HIDDEN OPENING TO THIS PLACE STILL AROUND?

THE GATE WON'T OPEN NORMALLY

Y-YEAH FOLLOW ME

THERE WAS APPARENTLY *ANOTHER* OPENING SOMEWHERE

.. BUT IT WAS CLOSED UP A *LONG TIME* AGO.

A *NEW* ONE APPEARED A YEAR OR SO AGO THOUGH.

MY NAME IS CRUK

SORRY... HEY, CRUK WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

THE CURRENT RECORDED HISTORY OF THIS REGION STARTED

ALL THAT'S KNOWN IS A RACE OF GIANTS DID LIVE HERE

AND, SUPPOSEDLY EVERYTHING GREW DUE TO THE REMAINS OF A GIANT

I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS SEEN THAT TREE THOUGH

MY NORMAL SIZE I JUST GROW TO

NOTICE ME HE'LL LIKELY SAY SOMETHING INCRIMINATING

3:14PM, BACK AT THE CLASSROOM

TICK...

TOCK

HEAVING ALREADY? THE SESSION'S ONLY HALF DONE

IT'S BEEN AN HOUR AND FIFTEEN. SCHOOL RULES SAY IT'S AN INSTRUCTOR ABSENCE

I'M NOT GOING WASTE THE WAITING FOR THE TEACH TO CHASE DOWN CRIMES AND TORTURE

"YOU'RE NOT WORRIED ABOUT HER?

AFTER THE PAIN SHE PUT ME AND WENDIGO IN?

HOPE SHE DIES

BACK IN THE ANCIENT FOREST

I WONDER HOW LONG IT'D TAKE YOU TO HIT THE GROUND DOWN THERE

IT'S BEEN DECADES SINCE THIS MOAT SAW ENOUGH WATER TO FILL IT

CAN'T SAY IT'D BE A SOFT LANDING

LET'S NOT FIND THAT OUT

CERES YOU FINALLY CAME I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GONNA SHOW I WAS GONNA LEAVE A BRUISED BUNNY AT YOUR DORM'S DOORSTEP

BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE

...

CAN MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU BY LEAVING A SCAR ON YOUR FACE

NOT TODAY!

WHAT?

WHO ELSE IS HERE?

YOU'RE IN VIOLATION OF KIDNAPPING DECLARING THREATS AND TRESPASSING ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

HAND OVER THAT STUDENT NOW AND I'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE SWIFTLY DEALT WITH!

SHIT! ANOTHER SHOWER HERO MANAGER!

I'M ORUK KANDARETH LO [illegible] APPOINTED BY MEGAPOLIS ACADEMY STAFF!

AND HE'S A TEACHER!

NO MATTER! AT YOUR PINT SIZE YOU'RE TOO SMALL TO HAVE ANY PHYSICAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE ME LET ARNAVON GO

AND YOU WON'T LET ANOTHER STUDENT FIGHT ME TO-

SLAP!

WOW

NO MATTER I'M OF DEIFIC BLOOD

ALRIGHT, TRETCH. YOU, CERES BENAVON, AND I ARE GOING BACK TO THE SCHOOL AND MEETING WITH HEADMASTER LUNOSTOPHILES TO SORT ALL THIS OUT

YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET ALL OF THIS.

NOT BAD MR LO

IN AN ARMLOCK ROUGH-HOUSED BY ONE OF YOUR EMPLOYEES AT THIS ACADEMY

AN ACADEMY THAT I'VE SO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO FOR ERAL YEARS

WHY is a man with a bloody history in his background on file

A THRASHED STUDENT RECORD IN THIS ACADEMY BOOKED WITH PICTURES FIGHTS AGAINST HIS PEERS

AND ON RECORD WITH THE DEMPE COUNCIL FOR THE UNLOCKING OF A DARK GOD AND THE AID IN THE DISAPPEARANCE OF ANOTHER DEITY, EMPLOYED HERE?

THIS ALL SEEMS RATHER SUSPECT, AND I FIND ALL OF IT DISTURBING...

WHAT'S TO SAY THAT MY SON IS SAFE HERE?

HOW ARE YOU CERTAIN THIS DOG WON'T BE A DANGER TO THE STUDENTS HERE?

WITH THE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL?

WELL...

HMPH.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH!!

DON'T EVADE THE REAL PROBLEM YOUR SON SHOULD'VE ADDRESS HE WOULDN'T HAVE'TO BE HE'S KIND OF ALL DON'T STAND THROUGH BACKING

OR CONVICTION

IS NOT IN THIS BREED

TO THREATEN AND ASSAULT

DON'T TRY TO MAKE A TEACHER AND TRICK TO GET OF A BAD SITUATION OUT TO BE THE VILLAIN HERE

BAM!!!

LITTLE GIRL

MR LO IS NO TEACHER HE IS A SUPERVISOR A POSITION THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE PHYSICAL APPREHENSION OF DELINQUENTS. HE SHOULD HAVE CALLED THE M.P.P TO DISSOLVE THE SITUATION. HOWEVER..

.. IF MY SON IS GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

MY REPUTATION

DEAL WITH HIM

ACCOUNTS OF WHAT OCCURRED DIFFER

MR LO AND CERES SAY YOU WERE KIDNAPPED MY SON SAYS YOU'RE A [illegible]

SHUT UP

YOUR SON THREATENED ME WITH HARM IF I SAID OTHERWISE

BUT YOUR SON IS AN ASS

SO ARE YOU

I REFUSE TO PUT UP WITH THIS CRAP ANYMORE

HE KIDNAPPED ME WHEN I FAILED TO GIVE HIM MONEY HE WAS EXTORTING ME FOR AND THREATENED VIOLENCE ON ME

FORGOT THIS MATTER

I'LL HAVE A HEART TO HEART WITH MY SON. THEN

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR NEW JOB

I THOUGHT HE'D NEVER LEAVE

OKAY THEN EVERYONE'S DISMISSED

I WAS ALMOST FIRED ON MY FIRST DAY

NOT EXACTLY GOOD WORK

YOU LISTENED TO CERES WHEN ANY INSTRUCTOR WOULD HAVE WRITTEN HER OFF AS A TROUBLEMAKER AND YOU PROTECTED TWO STUDENTS FROM HARM

SO HAVE A GOOD REST OF THE DAY

WAIT, CERES!

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
I'M GLAD YOU HAVE CONCERN
FOR YOUR CLASSMATES

JUST... YEAH
NO PROBLEM

CAN YOU
DO ME A
FAVOR?

PLEASE DON'T GET INTO ANY MORE FIGHTS
IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS COME TO ME FIRST
I WANT TO BE HERE TO HELP

OKAY

NO MORE
FIGHTING.

I PROMISE

AND..

. I'LL TRY TO
SHOW UP OFTEN
FOR YOUR CLASS

THANK YOU

YOU OKAY?

YEAH.

HE SEEMS GOOD SAIN ME FOR WHAT REALLY AM.

THAT'S GOOD THOUGH' RIGHT?

IT DEPENDS.

IF HE CAN EVEN STAY LIKE THAT

IF THE OTHERS DON'T MESS HIM UP FIRST

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK ABOUT HIM.

HOPE HE DOESN'T BECOME JADED

GUH!

JUST HALF OF THESE REPORTS ARE LITTERED WITH CORRECTIONS

CHACK!

UGH!

...

I SEE YOU'VE BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR TOO!

THANKS LENNY

NO PROB!

SO AFTER ALL OF THAT YOU DECIDED TO MAKE SURE ARNAVON GETS HOME SAFELY?

YEAH. DON'T WANT TRETCH TO GET AT HIM AGAIN.

SO WHY'D YOU STOP HERE?

I'M WAITING FOR DAYNA TO GET OFF HER SHIFT AT THE LIBRARY

KLA-CHAK!

OH!

HEY DAYNA!

OH. CERES I SEE YOU GOT A PAL WITH YOU.

N-NOAH!

IS HE COMING TO OUR DORM WITH US?

NO I'LL BE DROPPING HIM OFF ALONG THE WAY

HEY THERE CALM DOWN, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

A-ARNAVON S-SOME CALL ME ARNIE

DAYNA
HEIGHT: ???
(No set height. Is a poltergiest.)

ARNAVON
HEIGHT: 1.6764m
(5ft 6in)

WELL ARNAVON

WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST

HE'S LOOKING AT A GHOST! QUIT SPOOKING HIM!

SORRY. I COULDN'T RESIST

SHE ACTUALLY LIVES OUTSIDE OF THE LIBRARY?

. WAIT

ARE SHE AND CERES ROOMMATES?!

RASCAL
HEIGHT: 24.384m
(80ft)

GOODNESS, RASCAL, THAT'S A BIT ASSUMPTIVE OF YOU

NOT THE ROOMMATES BIT NO ONE ELSE WANTED TO SHARE A DORM WITH EITHER OF THOSE TWO...

BUT YES, EVEN GHOSTS HAVE A LIFE. EVEN IF IT'S A SORT OF *UNLIFE*. OR SUCH.

THEN AGAIN, NOTHING REALLY SHOCKS ME NOW AFTER SEEING GIANTS, MAGIC AND OTHER SUPERNATURAL THINGS AS COMMONPLACE HERE

MATTHAIS
HEIGHT: 1.7008m
(5ft 7in)

CLAP!!

WOW!

YOU'VE GOTTEN BETTER AT THAT!

OH, THANKS.

IT STILL TAKES A GREAT AMOUNT OF FOCUS...

AND IT TAKES TOO LONG IF I WANT TO GROW OR SHRINK ANYTHING, OR ANYONE, ELSE

BLIP!

IT'S NOT PERFECT, BUT...

HEY...

HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO GET BY...

WITHOUT HIM?

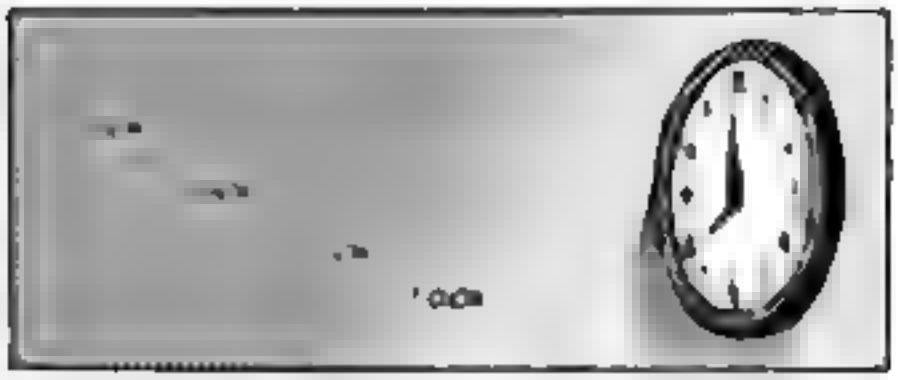
...

IT'S TOUGH.

BUT WE'VE FOUND WORK-AROUNDS...

... LET'S FINISH THESE REPORTS FIRST

OKAY



THAT SOUP

THAT BABY
WELL

I HEARD THAT SOMEONE WANTS TO GO TO THE BUNGALOW!
WHAT'DO WE GONNA GET?
A BOTTLE OF WINE?
A PLATE OF BRUSCHETTA?
POTATO SOUP?
BUFFALO WINGS?
DRINK ON HOTTERBACK?
OH GREAT, YOU'RE HERE! I HEARD RUMORS YOU WERE GONNA COME BACK!
YOU SHOULD COME ALONG WITH US!
BREAK OF THE DAWN
LOOKS LIKE WITH THE AT NIGHT GOING TO TRY IT

Giant City Megapolis

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KU-CHA!

I DON'T WANNA PESTER YOU, BUT DID YOU MANAGE TO GET THOSE BOOKS I REQUESTED?

[illegible]

[illegible]

ENARL SHOULD BE OFF WORK VERY SOON.

DO YOU THINK SHE'LL HAVE ALL THOSE DOCUMENTS?

I DOUBT IT

TAKING, OR COPYING, SENSITIVE INFO LIKE THAT IS GROUNDS FOR EXPULSION. SHE LIKELY MEMORIZED IT

WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO FIGURE OUT?

WHO ALL IS IN THAT "STUDY" HALL, AND WHY. I WANNA MAKE SURE I DON'T HAVE MORE ENEMIES IN THERE.

THIS ISN'T HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL.

YOU'RE NOT PART OF A GANG ANYMORE.

I KNOW I JUST... HAVE A BAD HABIT

I NOTICED

HEY!

AH! AAH!

DAMMIT ENARL! DON'T REALITY WARP LIKE THAT!

THAT COMING FROM A GHOST...

HELLO GNARL.

SO. DID YOU YOU FIND ANYTHING OUT?

YOU BET! I FOUND OUT QUITE A FEW INTERESTING THINGS WHILE READING THROUGH THE CLASSROOM REQUEST AND STUDENT INFORMATION ARCHIVES

MANAGED TO GET DRAGO TO GIVE ME THE KEY

THEY DON'T JUST LET ANYONE INTO THOSE HOW DID YOU SNEAK A PEEK?

NYOH!

OOF!

I'M SO SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO-

IT'S OKAY

ACCIDENTS HAPPEN!

OBSTACLES

NFORMATION IS EASY TO DESTROY IF NEEDED

IT WOULD BE NOTICEABLE IF ANY INFO WAS MISSING. OR IF SOMEONE WAS CARRYING ANY OF IT

NO GIANTS ARE ALLOWED IN. NO SMUGGLING THE SMALL

NOT ONLY THAT. BUT THE INFORMATION

BUT I HAD HEARD ABOUT IT FROM DRAGO.

IT'D BE HARD FOR ANYONE TO FIND WHAT THEY WANT..

UNLESS THEY'RE VERY OBSERVANT OR KNOW THE SORTING CODE

EVENTUALLY FOUND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR SURPRISINGLY IT HAD ANOTHER LOCK ON IT TOO

I COULDN'T COMMIT IT ALL TO MEMORY BUT I DO RECALL THE IMPORTANT STUFF

FIRSTLY THERE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE A LOT OF STUDENTS IN THAT CLASS

TWELVE IN FACT YOU INCLUDED

A COUPLE OF GUYS FROM TRETCH'S GANG BART AND WENDIGO

A TROUBLESOME DOG. NAMED BOONE

A RECENTLY ASCENDED ORANGE, XENON

A NERVOUS CAT NAMED PHIL

MATTHIAS AND RASCAL. WHO I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY GOOD STUDENTS LIKE THEM WERE THERE

A NUISANCE MOUSE CALLED NELSON

TWO OF YOUR OLD CONDO'S GEEK AND AIR

AND MITCHIM

THE RABBIT?

THAT ONE

IS HITOMI THAT BAD?

NOT MANY KNOW. HITOMI IS A DAEMON CAPABLE OF SPATIAL AND TIME DISTORTION.

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT HER IF SHE DECIDES TO CAUSE A PROBLEM.

SHE'S BEEN TALKING WITH TRETCH, TOO

DON'T KNOW WHY SHE'D WANNA KEEP HIM COMPANY

HEY GNARL?

COULD YOU GROW THIS BOOK? IT'S A STRAIN TO READ EVEN WITH A MAGNIFIER

NO PROBLEM!

JEEZ! WARN ME BEFORE YOU FUTZ WITH REALITY LIKE THAT!

SORRY! BAD HABIT.

GNARL WEIGHT ??? NO SET WEIGHT CHESHIRES ARE AMORPHOUS ENTITIES CAPABLE OF BREAKING THE 4TH WALL OF REALITY

BACK TO HOUSEWORK!?

I DON'T WANNA THINK ABOUT HITOMI

I'LL GET STRESSED

IT'S FOR THE BEST

YOU LEFT SEIYA AND THE CLARIS BEHIND FOR THAT AND OTHER REASONS AFTER ALL

YEAH THINGS WERE GETTING TOO CRAZY

I WANTED TO STAY IN THE GANG.. BUT I WANTED TO AVOID JUVIE AND GET THE EDUCATION I WANTED

ZEEK WAS UPSET ABOUT ME GOING.. ESPECIALLY AFTER THE OTHERS LEFT TOO.

HOW IRONIC.. LEFT BUT I'M *STILL* IN TROUBLE..

HONESTLY, I WAS MORE SURPRISED WHEN I READ UP ON THE GUY THEY GOT RUNNING THE DETENTION PERIOD

WHAT DID YOU LEARN ABOUT HIM?

W-WELL

CRUK, A DOG IN HIS THIRTIES

HE STUDIED AT M.A STARTING AT 16. GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL AT 18 THEN COLLEGE AT 22.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

OUR [illegible] AROUND

HE'S AN IMMIGRANT FROM A DIMENSION THAT HE RAN AWAY FROM

SEEMS THAT THERE [illegible] SOME INFRASTRUCTURE A CARETAKER SENT HIM HERE TO KEEP HIM SAFE

HE WAS UNKNOWINGLY SWEPT UP IN AN ILLEGAL PROJECT OVERSEEN BY A NOW BANISHED PROFESSOR, A DEITY

[illegible]

AN ASCENDED FRIEND OF CRUK'S BROKE DEIFIC PAROLE TO SAVE HIM

THE PROFESSOR'S BODY WAS SHATTERED, LEAVING ONLY HIS CORE WHICH IS [illegible]

FWUMP'H!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AFTER THAT?

CRUX WAS SENT BACK TO HIS HOMEWORLD BUT GIVEN CERTIFICATION TO SHOW HE COULD CONTROL HIS ABILITIES HIS FRIEND THOUGH., FOR BREAKING PAROLE, THE DEIFIC COUNCIL EXILED HIM TO REHABILITATION.

DO YOU THINK HE TOOK THE JOB TO REVERSE HIS FRIEND'S PUNISHMENT?

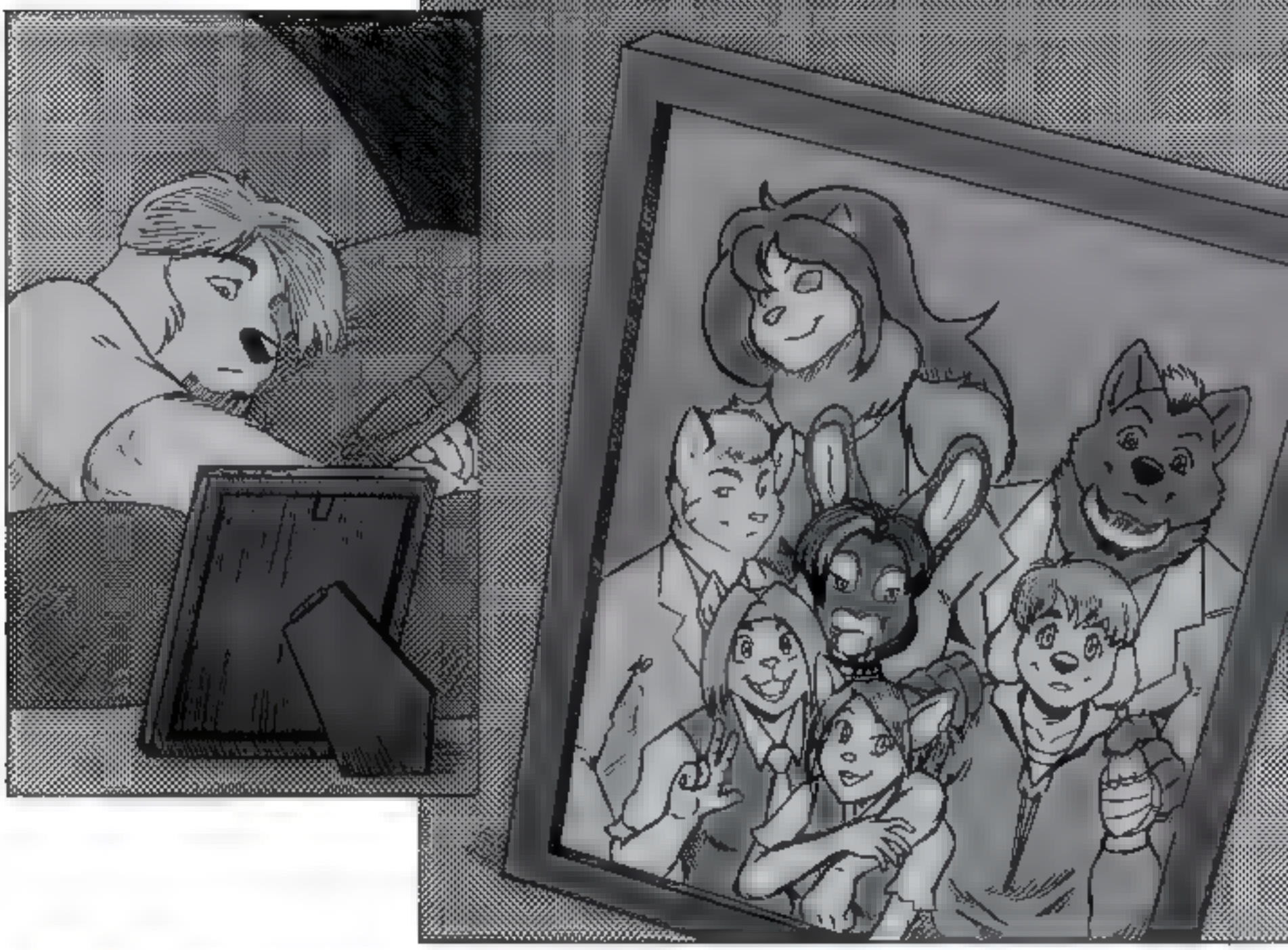
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY QUALIFYING EDUCATION TO BE A REAL INSTRUCTOR A *BFA* ISN'T ENOUGH.

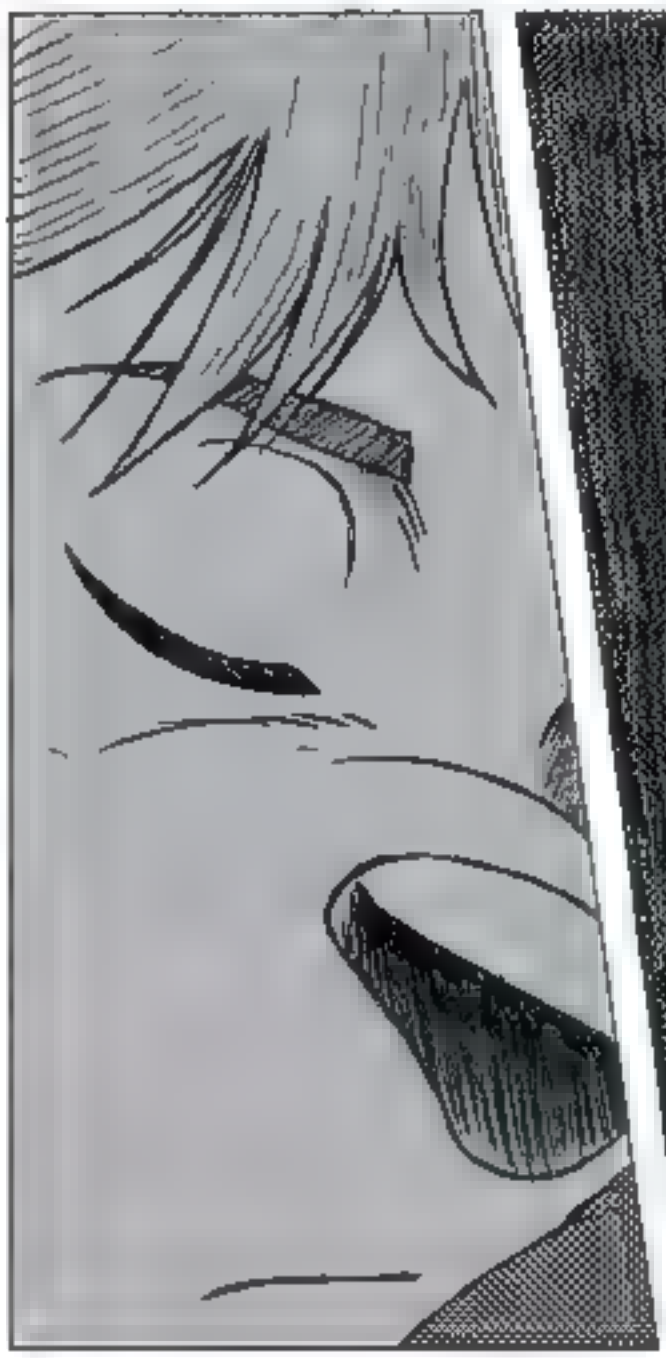
HE'S TRYING TO HELP SOMEONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF..

NOT JUST THAT.

HE AND THE FRIEND HE WANTS TO HELP SEEM TO BE VICTIMS OF THE SYSTEM.

JUST FOR STEPPING OUT OF LINE ONCE IN YOUTH TO DEFEND THEMSELVES...





YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'VE SEEN BETTER DAYS

YEAH...

PROBLEM?

A NEW INSTRUCTOR GOT IN THE WAY OF THINGS TODAY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT IT OTHER GANGS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT

THAT CERTAINLY THROWS A WRENCH INTO YOUR PLAN TO GET THE FAVOR OF BETA IOTA GAMMA

I CAN'T BE SEEN AS WEAK

THAT'LL BRING TROUBLE

CAN YOU HUMILIATE THIS INSTRUCTOR? SEND A MESSAGE THAT WE STILL RUN THINGS?

THAT'S NO TROUBLE AT ALL

I'LL BE SURE TO GIVE HIM A VISIT

I'LL MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR TO HIM AND EVERYONE ELSE THAT WE CAN DO WHAT WE LIKE

THANK YOU HITOMI

BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
BEEP!
CLICK!
YEEAWWN!
TAKA TAKA - TAKA TAKA!
GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE.

YOU COULD'VE PUNCHED SOMEWHERE SOFTER!

OH, I'M SORRY! YOUR JAW GOT DISLOCATED BECAUSE YOU TRIED TO ATTACK ME.

NEXT TIME I'LL PUNCH YOU SOMEPLACE SOFT! I'LL PUNCH YOU IN YOUR G-

HEY!

STOP IT! NOW!

XENON
HEIGHT: 146 FT

THAT'S HIM?

YEAH...

HE STARTED THIS MESS!

YOU HIT ME!

YEAH, BEFORE WE WERE REQUIRED TO BE HERE.

BOTH OF YOU, QUIT IT!

OUCH! SEEMS LIKE A HARDASS!

BOONE
HEIGHT: 118 FT

YEAH CER SIT DOWN!

WELL, AT LEAST THIS ISN'T A BORING STUDY HALL.

HE WAS TALKING TO YOU, TOO, DUMBASS!

THIS ENTERTAINMENT MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE THE TIME SPENT HERE WORTH IT

BOTH OF YOU, *PLEASE* SIT DOWN.

PHILLIP CHANTER
Height: 1.956m
(6ft 5in)

BE THANKFUL THAT YOU HAVE A GODSLAYER ON YOUR SIDE, CERES..

WESLON
Height: 1.143m
(3ft 9in)

I DON'T NEED HIS HELP FOR AN ANKLE-BITER LIKE YOU, *WENDY*

AIR
Height: 60.96m
(200ft)

ZEEK
Height: 2.4384m
(8ft)

WHATEVER I'LL BEHAVE...

... FOR NOW

GOOD DOG..

CERES?

RIGHT

I'LL TAKE MY SEAT

EXCUSE ME...

I HOPE I'M NOT LATE..

NO NOT AT ALL

MAY GET YOUR NAME?

!!

SURE YOU CAN!

YOU CAN CALL ME HITOMI!

HELLO, HITOMI. I'M—

SMALL.

P-PARDON?

LISTEN, LITTLE HOUND.

THIS ISN'T GOOD...

INTRODUCTIONS ARE USELESS AT THIS POINT.

.. WHAT?

THOOM!

IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL REMEMBER YOUR NAME AFTER TODAY ANYWAY...

AND, RIGHT NOW YOU HAVE *BIGGER MORE PRESSING* MATTERS...

WHAT...?

WHAT HAPPENED?!

WHERE DID EVERYONE GO?!

HUH...

MY POWERS DIDN'T AFFECT YOU TWO?

YOU MUST BE ASCENDED

WHAT?

YOUR FRIENDS ARE STILL AROUND..

WENDINGO!

.. BART?!

YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK *CLOSER* TO FIND THE "BIG" FOLKS...

HELP!

BOONE!

GUYS! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!

CALM DOWN!

I'M HERE..

DON'T PANIC!

NO..
NO WAY

AAHHHHH!!!

!!

NOOOO! BABE?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?! I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS PUNY!

GODDAMMIT BABE QUIT BLUBBERING AND LET GO!

...

THEY'LL BE OKAY

WHAT ABOUT

RASCAL!

!!

RASCAL! IT'S MATT! LISTEN TO ME! YOU NEED TO STAY CALM!

YOU'LL BE OKAY!

WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU!

HELP IS COMING!

BREATHE SLOWLY !

TRY TO NOT PANIC!

CERES!

GO HELP THE OTHER STUDENTS!

THOOM!!

I'LL DEAL WITH HITOMI!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

...!

GOT IT!

HANG ON, RASCAL..

DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT DOG HAS IN MIND RIGHT NOW..

BUT..

I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'RE SAFE

YOU'RE SPRY FOR AN OLD GUY!

I LIKE A GOOD GAME OF CHASE!

WOW!

TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH!

N-OAH!

SNAP!

THIS.

IS ONLY..

MY..

SECOND..

DAY!

RASCAL!

HEY, LITTLE GUY YOU'RE HYPERVENTILATING..

LISTEN TO ME..

SLOW BREATHS...

BREATHE IN..

AND EXHALE

INHALE..

EXHALE..

INHALE..

EXHALE..

THAT'S T JUST FOCUS ON ME

I GOT YOU.

YOU'LL BE OKAY

HITOMI. PLEASE, STOP THIS

HMM..

NO.

DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF BEING GOOD ON COMMAND!

THOOM!

WAIT -

...!

NOT AGAIN!

SERIOUSLY, I SHRUNK YOU BEFORE!

WHAT MADE YOU THINK I WOULDN'T DO IT AGAIN?

GAH!

GOT YOU!

WHY ARE YOU DOING ALL OF THIS?!

I HEARD ABOUT A TOUGH NEW TEACHER IN SCHOOL AND WANTED TO MEET THEM TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW THEIR PLACE

YOU TWISTED MY FRIEND'S ARM...

SO I'LL TWIST YOUR'S TO EVEN THINGS OUT... MAYBE UNTIL IT POPS!

I'M AFRAID YOUR BROTHER WOULDN'T APPRECIATE THAT..

...

EXCUSE ME..

WHAT DID YOU SAY JUST NOW?

I NOTICED IT WHEN I FIRST SAW YOU.

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY HIS TWIN.

EVEN THE POWERS ARE SIMILAR TOO

KNOW WHAT YOU ARE...

WARPING REALITY LIKE A GOD BUT NOT QUITE.

YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO AFFECT GODS.

THAT'S IT SLOW YOUR [redacted]. YOU'RE DOING GOOD

YOU'RE NOT QUITE AS CALCULATING AS YOUR BROTHER

HE WAS MORE CAREFUL.

DID HE NEVER TELL YOU...?

TELL HER WHAT?

SHUSH!

HE AND MADE A BET A LONG TIME AGO.

IT WAS A BET THAT HE LOST, AND... WELL...

HE DIDN'T ENTHRALL HIMSELF TO ME... I DIDN'T WANT THAT... BUT HE DID PROMISE TO CONSIDER WHAT I WANTED AND MOST IMPORTANTLY...

HE MADE A PROMISE TO PROTECT ME

YOU'RE LYING.

OKAY THEN. WE'LL TEST IT ALL HAVE TO DO IS SAY HIS NAME. AND HE'LL APPEAR...

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STOP!!!

MATT...

YOU'RE OKAY

GUYS!

THANK GOODNESS...

FINALLY BIG AGAIN!

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DID HE STOP HER?

BABE!

LET GO!

YOU'RE SQUEEZING TOO HARD!

HITOMI, PLEASE, WAIT...

IF IT'S ABOUT ME SKIPPING THIS "CLASS," JUST TELL HIM TO ADD ANOTHER NOTCH TO MY RECORD

WHAT YOU'VE DONE IS SERIOUS.

ALTERING THE SIZES OF OTHERS *WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT*.

THREATENING A FACULTY MEMBER AND ASSAULTING THEM...

I'M GOING TO HAVE TO REPORT ALL OF THAT.

BUT RUNNING AWAY WILL ADD ANOTHER MARK AGAINST YOU IN A HEARING

SO?

WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO ME?

AFTER EVERYTHING I JUST DID?

ARE YOU NAIVE?

MAYBE

VERY LIKELY

BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO MAKE THIS WORSE FOR YOURSELF

AND I THINK EVERYONE OUGHT TO HAVE A CHANCE TO CHANGE.

SORRY

THAT WAS A GOOD TRY

BUT WE BOTH KNOW THAT I CAN'T TAKE BACK MY INTRODUCTION NOW

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IS EVERYONE OKAY?

DOES ANYONE NEED FIRST AID BEFORE I CALL CAMPUS SECURITY?

TO BE CONTINUED.

GEORGE?
EIGHT
I'LL TAKE MY SEAT
EXCUSE ME
I HOPE I'M NOT LATE
NO NOT AT ALL
MAY GET YOUR NAME?
!!
SURE YOU CAN

YOU CAN CALL ME KITCHI.
HELLO, KITCHI I'M
SHAUN.
P-PARDON?
LISTEN, LITTLE HOUND
THIS ISN'T GOOD

INTRODUCTIONS ARE USELESS AT THIS POINT
WHAT?
THOOM!
IT'S NOT LIKE I'LL REMEMBER YOUR NAME AFTER TODAY ANYWAY.
AND RIGHT NOW, YOU HAVE BIGGER MORE PRESSING MATTERS.

WHAT ?
WHAT HAPPENED?!
WHERE DID EVERYONE GO?!
HUH.
MY POWERS DON'T AFFECT YOU TWO?
YOU MUST BE DISTURBED
HUH??
YOUR POWERS ARE STILL AROUND.
HMMPHHH
SAD?!
YOU JUST HAVE TO LOOK CLOSER TO FIND THE "BIG" FOLKS
HELP!
BOOM!
BLEH! THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
CALM DOWN!
I'M HERE
DON'T PANIC!

NO... NO WAY.
AAHHHHH!!!
!!
NOOOO! BABE! WHAT'S HAPPENING?! I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THIS PUNY!
GOODNIGHT, BABE. QUIT STRUGGLING AND LET GO!
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THEY'LL BE OKAY!
WHAT ABOUT
RASCAL!
RASCAL! IT'S MATT! LISTEN TO ME! YOU NEED TO STAY CALM!
YOU'LL BE OKAY!
WE'LL FIND A WAY TO HELP YOU!
HELP IS COMING!
BREATHE SLOWLY...
TRY TO NOT PANIC!

CERES!
GO HELP THE OTHER STUDENTS!
THOOM!!
I'LL DEAL WITH HITOMI!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!
...!
GOT IT!

YOU'RE SORRY FOR AN OLD GUY!
I LIKE A GOOD GAME OF CHASE!
WOW!
TOO BAD YOU'RE NOT FAST ENOUGH!
W-OW!
CLAP!
THIS...
IS ONLY...
MY...
SECOND...
DAY!

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AFTER EVERYTHING I JUST DID?
ARE YOU HAVE?
MAYBE.
VERY MAYBE.
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